



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 14, 2002

### **H.R. 37**

**An act to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 31, 2002*

H.R. 37 would direct the Department of the Interior to update the feasibility studies of four national historic trails to include numerous shared routes, cutoff trails, and other trail segments. The department would designate as components of the four national historic trails any segments found to be feasible and suitable additions. H.R. 37 would require the department to report the studies' findings within three years of the legislation's enactment.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that it would cost about \$160,000 over the next three years to conduct all of the required studies of trail segments specified by the act. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 37 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On May 25, 2001, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 37 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 16, 2001. The two versions of the legislation are very similar, and the cost of the authorized studies are identical.

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